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ELIZABETH CONRAD HARRISON (1836-1907) AUTOGRAPH ALBUM

The album includes notes, dating from 1851 to 1855, to Bettie HARRISON from family members and from friends at the Virginia Female Institute, Staunton, Virginia.

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Elizabeth Conrad HARRISON, daughter of Burr William HARRISON and Sarah POWELL, was born 3 February 1836 in Leesburg, Virginia. [Silas Emmett Lucas, *The Powell Family of Virginia and the South* (Vidalia, GA: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1969), p. 325.] She attended the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, Virginia, ca. 1851-1853. ["Elizabeth Conrad Harrison Autograph Album," MS1260, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.] She died 24 December 1907 in Leesburg. [Lucas, Powell Family, loc.cit.]

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The Virginia Female Institute (later Stuart Hall), Staunton, Virginia, was incorporated in 1844. [*Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1843-1844* (Richmond: Samuel Shepherd, 1844), pp. 86-88; Elizabeth Bray McCue, *Staunton, Virginia, A Pictorial History* (Staunton, VA: Historical Staunton Foundation, 1985), pp. 25, 46.]

"...your devoted sister, C.C.H..." This would be Catherine Cornelia HARRISON (1840-1876). [Lucas, Powell Family, loc.cit.]

"...A.H..." This would be another sister, Alice HARRISON (1838-1870). [Ibid.]

"...[signature] Wm. E. HARRISON, Esq..." This is most probably William Elzey HARRISON (1833-1878), brother of Elizabeth C. HARRISON. [Ibid.]

"...To my d[ea]r pupil [28 June 1853]...R. H. PHILLIPS..." Richard H. PHILLIPS was a teacher and principal at the Virginia Female Institute. [1860 Census, Augusta County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, M-653, Roll 133, p. 798, Household 364, Family 407.]

"...[28 June 1853] To my d[ea]r pupil, What shall I say on the eve of your departure from us to engage in the scenes of busy life?" [Harrison, "Autograph Album," loc.cit.] This would seemingly confirm a graduation date of ca. 1853.